

# EXTEMPORANEOUS PUBLIC SPEAKING

## Purpose

The purpose of the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest is to develop the ability of FFA members to express themselves on a given subject without having prepared or rehearsed its content in advance, therefore causing them to formulate their remarks for presentation in a limited period of time.

## Objectives

The student will be able to:

- I. Communicate effectively on a given subject with 30 minutes of preparation time.
- II. Organize thoughts and ideas in a logical sequence.
- III. Speak on a variety of agricultural topics.
- IV. Select and secure reference material based upon general topic areas.
- V. Present a speech developed by their own efforts and respond to questions regarding its content.
- VI. Develop self-confidence in public speaking.

## Event Rules

1. The state and district rules will be governed by the general rules and regulations of the National Extemporaneous Public Speaking Contest.
  - a. Tie breaking in FFA Creed, Prepared and Extemporaneous Speaking events will be done as follows: 1) Add judges ranking – lowest ranking; 2) If lowest rank value is a tie go to greatest number of lowest ranks; 3) If greatest number of lowest ranks is a tie then rank of judges score on response to questions where applicable; 4) If the greatest number of lowest ranks on response to questions is a tie to use total raw score.
  - b. **Contestants shall be ranked in numerical order by each judge without consultation with any other judge.**
2. The number of state extemporaneous speaker entries from each district is listed in the Guidelines under Allocation of Teams.
3. Contestants will draw for order of speaking.
4. The judges in charge will prepare three subtopics under each of four subject matter areas. Subject matter areas are:

- A. Agriscience and Technology
- B. Agrimarketing and International Agricultural Relations
- C. Food and Fiber Systems
- D. Urban Agriculture

Each contestant will draw three subtopics and select the one on which to speak. The contestant will have 30 minutes to prepare the speech. Reference materials may be taken into the preparation room.

5. Reference material will be screened by those in charge of the contest on the following basis:
  - a. Must be printed material such as books or magazines (cannot be notes or speeches prepared by the contestant or notes prepared by another person for the purpose of use for this contest) (copies must reference the origination point).
  - b. Shall be limited to five items. To be counted as one item, a notebook or folder of collected materials may contain **NO** more than 100 single sided pages or 50 double sided pages numbered consecutively (cannot be notes, etc.). (No page limits on books or magazines.) Pages from the INTERNET may be used, provided the source web address is identified on each page. Printing on both sides of a sheet of paper will constitute two (2) pages.
6. Notes made during the preparation period may be used. Index cards will be provided as the contestant enters the preparation room.
7. The chairman of the contest shall introduce the contestant by name, chapter, and topic. The contestant may introduce the speech by title only.
8. Each speech shall be not less than four or more than six minutes in length. One point per second under four and over six minutes will be deducted from each contestant's score.
9. Five minutes will be allowed for questioning by the judges. Each judge shall formulate and ask questions pertaining to the presentation of the contestant. The full five minutes should be used. All judges will ask at least one question.
10. When all contestants have finished speaking, each judge will total the score for each contestant.
11. The timekeeper's records will be used in computing the final score for each contestant.
12. A list of all possible topics will be given to and reviewed by the judges prior to the beginning of the event.

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Speaking Order									
Possible Points		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>CONTENT RELATED TO TOPIC (Maximum Points 300):</b>									
• Appropriateness of the total speech content to the topic selected	60								
• Extent to which the speaker addressed the topic selected	60								
• Suitability of the material used	60								
• Accuracy of the statements	60								
• Relationship to the content of agriculture	60								
<b>ORGANIZATION OF MATERIALS (Maximum Points 100):</b>									
• Organization of contents	20								
• Unity of thought	10								
• Logical development	20								
• Language used	10								
• Sentence structure	10								
• Accomplishment of purpose-conclusion	20								
• Material related to sub-topic	10								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>POWER OF EXPRESSION (Maximum Points 100):</b>									
• Communication ability including: fluency, emphasis, directness and sincerity	50								
• Conveyance of thought and meaning	50								
<b>VOICE (Maximum Points 100):</b>									
• Quality, pitch	25								
• Articulation	25								
• Pronunciation	25								
• Force	25								
<b>STAGE PRESENCE (Maximum Points 100):</b>									
• Personal appearance	25								
• Poise and body posture	25								
• Attitude, confidence and personality	25								
• Ease before an audience	25								
<b>GENERAL EFFECT (Maximum Points 100):</b>									
• Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention	50								
• Evidence of purpose	50								
<b>RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS* (Maximum Points (200):</b>									
• Ability to answer the questions on the speech, which are asked by the judges, indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly	200								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<b>Gross Total Points</b>	1000								
Less Time Deduction **									
<b>Net Total Points:</b>									
Participant Ranking:									

\* Judges should meet prior to the event to prepare and clarify the types of questions to be asked.

\*\* - 1 point per second over, determined by the timekeepers

## EXPLANATION OF SCORE SHEET POINTS

### Points Allowed

1. **Content Related to Topic** includes: .....300  
Appropriateness of the total speech content to the topic selected.  
Extent to which the speaker addressed the topic selected.  
Suitability of the material used.  
Accuracy of the statements included.  
Relationship of the content to agriculture.
2. **Organization of Material** includes: .....100  
Organization of the content.  
Unity of thought.  
Logical development.  
Language used.  
Sentence structure.  
Accomplishment of purpose/conclusions.  
Material related to subtopic.
3. **Power of Expression** includes: .....100  
Fluency.  
Emphasis.  
Directness.  
Sincerity.  
Communicative ability.  
Conveyance of thought and meaning.
4. **Voice** includes: .....100  
Quality.  
Pitch.  
Articulation.  
Pronunciation.  
Force.
5. **State Presence** includes: .....100  
Personal appearance -----Poise and body posture.  
Attitude.-----Confidence.  
Personality. -----Ease before audience.
6. **General Effect** includes: .....100  
Extent to which the speech was interesting, understandable, convincing, pleasing and held attention.  
Evidence of purpose.
7. **Response to Questions** includes: .....200  
Ability to answer the questions on the speech which are asked by the judges indicating originality, familiarity with subject and ability to think quickly.